

"Should we ever cease from singing? Singing hymns to God for man. Have we not received God's greatness, Patient heart and loving hand."—158 Aurelius (VPH)

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Welcome to our newsletter—your tunebook of news and notes for shape-note singers across Maryland and beyond! We're here to keep you in harmony with upcoming singings happenings. Whether you sing from *The Sacred Harp*, *The Shenandoah Harmony*, or fresh-off-the-press *The Valley Pocket Harmonist*, this tradition thrives when voices come together. Inside, you'll find contact information for regional singing groups and a calendar highlighting upcoming all-day singings in our area.

See you in the hollow square!

Annapolis | **FIRST SATURDAYS / 2-4PM**

Room opposite Pendulum, Mellon Hall, St. John's College, Annapolis

BOOKS: *The Shenandoah Harmony*, *The Valley Pocket Harmonist*

EMAIL: Thomas — fasolannapolis@gmail.com

NOTE: Free parking across the street at Calvert Street Garage

Baltimore | **2ND MON. & 4TH TUES. / 7-9:30PM**

Four Hour Day Lutherie, 4305 Harford Rd., Baltimore

2ND MON: *The Shenandoah Harmony*, *The Sacred Harp*

4TH TUES: *The Shenandoah Harmony*, *The Valley Pocket Harmonist*

EMAIL: Nora or Isaac — baltimoreshapenote@gmail.com

Easton | **SECOND SATURDAYS / 2-5PM**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 7401 Ocean Gateway, Easton

BOOK: *The Shenandoah Harmony*

EMAIL: Topher — hieanon+fasola@gmail.com

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Other regional groups to sing with:

Abbreviations: SHC = Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition, SHD = Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, ShH = Shenandoah Harmony, VPH = Valley Pocket Harmonist, CHM = Christian Harmony 2010

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Capitol Hill, 3rd Wednesday, 7-9pm, SHD + ShH

WHERE: Capitol Hill Presbyterian, 201 4th St SE, Washington, DC 20003

WEBSITE: dcshapenote.squarespace.com

CONTACT: Alexa Silverman, silvermanalexa@gmail.com & David Shulman, davids.wdc@gmail.com

Eckington, (E-Mail for New Schedule), ShH + VPH

WHERE: Eckington neighborhood of Washington, DC, email for address

WEBSITE: dcshapenote.squarespace.com

CONTACT: Mona Lewandoski, mona.lewandoski@gmail.com

NOTE: Email for address and to confirm dates. This sing takes place in a heated/air conditioned garage with water and bathroom access.

PENNSYLVANIA

Exeter/Burke County, 3rd & 4th Sundays, 5:30-8pm, SHD

WHERE: 191 Meetinghouse Road, Douglassville, PA 19518

WEBSITE: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

CONTACT: Ted Stokes, 610-689-4083 or EdwardBStokes@gmail.com

Lancaster, First Sunday, 3-5:30pm, SH

WHERE: (email contact for location)

WEBSITE: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

CONTACT: Elizabeth Patton, sacredharp.lanc.pa@gmail.com

Philadelphia, 2nd & 4th Thursday, 3-5:30pm ShH

WHERE: DuBois-Robeson People's Center, 4515 Baltimore Ave

WEBSITE: phillysacredharp.org

CONTACT: Rachel Hall, rachelwellshall@gmail.com

Philadelphia, 2nd Saturday, 3-5:30pm SHD

WHERE: Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, 6133 Germantown Ave

WEBSITE: phillysacredharp.org

CONTACT: Sophie Sokolov, sophiegsokolov@gmail.com

VIRGINIA

Northern Shenandoah Valley, 3rd Saturdays, 3-6pm, SHD+ShH+VPH

WHERE: 2336 Salem Church Rd, Boyce, VA 22620

WEBSITE: www.shenandoahharmony.com

CONTACT: Kelly Macklin, skmack02@gmail.com

NOTE: Stay for potluck and conversation!

Richmond, 1st Tuesday, 7-9pm & 3rd Sunday, 2-4pm, SHD + ShH

WHERE: St.Giles Presbyterian Church 5200 Grove Ave, Richmond, VA 23226

CONTACT: Adrienne, adrienne.e.robertson@gmail.com

Rivanna, 1st Saturday, 10-Noon, SHD + ShH + VPH

WHERE: Social Hall, Unitarian Universalist; 717 Rugby Road; Charlottesville, VA 22903

CONTACT: John, john.alexanderj@gmail.com

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Regional All-Day Singings:

(Details may change. You can confirm and find more at SHAPENOTESINGINGS.COM)

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APRIL ▼●■◆

- 5-6 Potomac River Convention (MD/VA) SHD + ShH**
Sat: Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Sun: Lacey Woods Park, 1200 N George Mason Dr, Arlington, VA 22205
dcshapenote.squarespace.com
- 26 Oliver Kindig-Stokes Memorial (PA) SHD**
Hope Born in Christ Church, 2600 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

JUNE ▼●■◆

- 7-8 Northern Shenandoah Valley (VA) SHD + ShH**
110 North Church St. Berryville, VA 22611
shenandoahharmony.com
- 14 Exeter All-Day Singing (PA) SHD + ShH**
Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

AUGUST ▼●■◆

- 30 Maidencreek All-Day (PA) SHD**
Maiden Creek Friends Meeting, 27 W Shore Dr, Hamburg, PA 19526
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

OCTOBER ▼●■◆

- 4 Sadsbury Cooper Book Singing (PA) SHC**
Sadsbury Meeting, 1089 Simmontown Road, Gap, PA 17527
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com
- 4 Baltimore-Washington All-Day (MD) ShH**
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NOVEMBER ▼●■◆

- 1 James River All-Day (VA) SHD + ShH**
St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5200 Grove Ave, Richmond VA 23226
adrienne.e.robertson@gmail.com

DECEMBER ▼●■◆

- 6-7 Philadelphia All-Day (PA) ShH + VPH**
St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, 3916 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

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JANUARY ▼●■◆

- 24-25 Keystone Convention (PA) SHD + CHM**
Bareville Fire Hall, 211 East Main Street, Leola, PA 17540
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Announcing SingLoud.org

SINGLOUD.ORG is a cultural journal and learning resource dedicated to shape-note singing. Whether you're new or a lifelong singer, it offers articles, historical recordings, and resources to explore this enduring tradition. From a 1959 Sacred Harp convention recording to rare tunebook studies, it bridges shape-note music's past and present.

The site also features a podcast on the people and songs that sustain the tradition, plus tools for singing organizers, including a shape-note postage stamp proposal and a timeline of Sacred Harp editions. SINGLOUD.ORG celebrates the living, communal spirit of shape-note singing.

Where to get tunebooks mentioned in this newsletter?

Most singings you attend should have "loaners," but you are encouraged to get your own book so you can learn more of the tunes outside of the hollow square, and also, save the loaners for the next newcomer!

Christian Harmony (Modern Edition) <https://www.christianharmony2010.com/>

Christian Harmony (Heritage Edition) <https://www.christianharmony.org/>

Sacred Harp (Denson Revision) <https://originalsacredharp.com/>

Sacred Harp (Cooper Revision) <https://originalsacredharp.com/>

Shenandoah Harmony & Valley Pocket Harmonist <https://www.shenandoahharmony.com/>

The Southern Harmony (Available on Amazon, B&N, and other sites)

HOLLOW SQUARE BOOKS.COM

Hollow Square Books is an online hub for shape-note singing resources, historical tunebooks, and scholarly works on Sacred Harp style singing and related traditions. We have rare audio recordings and Matt Hinton's *Awake My Soul* DVD. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just discovering the world of four-shape and seven-shape music, HollowSquareBooks.com offers carefully curated titles that celebrate the depth and diversity of this enduring musical practice.

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON SHENANDOAH HARMONY ALL-DAY SINGING *is back!*

Join us for the 8th Annual singing on OCTOBER 4TH for spirited singing and dinner on the grounds. Find out more at:

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